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Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Communication in: PP Docket No. 00-67 (Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment); and CS Docket 97-80 (Competitive Availability of Navigation Devices).

Dear Ms. Salas:

On February 8, 2002, David H. Arland of Thomson multimedia ("Thomson") and Lawrence R. Sidman of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, counsel to Thomson, met with Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy and Stacy Robinson to discuss matters in the above-referenced proceedings. The meeting focused on the status of efforts regarding DTV-cable interoperability, specifically focusing on "next steps" needed to achieve the goals of "plug and play" compatibility between cable systems with DTV receivers and nationwide portability of such "cable-ready" DTV receivers. Thomson stressed the need for a more genuinely collaborative effort between the cable and consumer electronics industries to achieve these objectives. The views expressed by Thomson tracked its previous filings in these proceedings.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, an original and one copy of this letter, including attachments, is being filed with your office. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Lawrence R. Sidman

cc: Stacy Robinson